

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

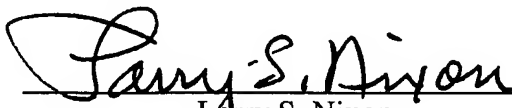
The Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter at dependent claims 4 and 5 is appreciatively noted. By the above amendment, dependent claim 4 has been rewritten in independent format from which remaining claims 2 and 5-11 now depend (either directly or indirectly). Accordingly, all of these claims are now assumed to be in allowable condition.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by Neubauer '614 is respectfully traversed – as is the rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made “obvious” based on the same single Neubauer '614 reference. However, since claims 1 and 3 have now been cancelled above without prejudice and since all remaining claims have now been made dependent from allowed claim 4, these grounds of rejection have been mooted and it is not believed necessary at this time to further explain the reasons for traversal.

Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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